



October 18, 2018

Ex Parte Notice

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket No. 14-58; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, the undersigned, Genevieve Morelli from ITTA, Lynn Follansbee from USTelecom, and Gerry Duffy on behalf of WTA, met with Nicholas Degani and Preston Wise from the Office of Chairman Ajit Pai.

In the meeting, we discussed how best to address ongoing concerns with respect to the sufficiency and predictability of federal high-cost universal service fund support, including proposals consistent with a letter recently submitted by the associations. *See Ex Parte* Letter from Michael R. Romano, Sr. Vice President, NTCA, *et al.*, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.* (filed Oct. 1, 2018). The associations encouraged action by the Commission on these issues by year-end.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the rules of the Commission, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano

Michael R. Romano
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cc: Nicholas Degani
Preston Wise